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1. A freight train with about 200 Soviet armored reconnaissance cars and tractors arrived at Frankfurt an der Oder on 8 Aug 53 from the direction of Poland and left towards Berlin on 9 Aug 53. Döberitz was given out as their destination. The vehicles were all new and bore no insignia.
2. On 10 Aug 53 a train of 28 closed freight cars with troops arrived from the direction of Poland. The soldiers were about 18 to 20 years old. The train appeared to have come far, because large numbers of empty ration tins were to be seen in the cars, and during the stop at Frankfurt the soldiers busied themselves washing their clothes. The train left in the direction of Magdeburg.
3. The 4th Guard Division, which was stationed in the Finsterwalde-Eberswalde area, has left in the direction of Poland, with all its equipment.
4. Two new companies of Soviet naval artillery are quartered on the former military reservation and the premises of the Aradowerke at Wismar. The guns are dug in on the neighboring beach. Towers are being erected directly on the shore. Soviet helicopters are observed here almost daily.

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